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ABSTRACT

At the end of World War I, a system of education was created for the soldiers of the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) who remained in Europe. This book documents the history of the ventures, organized by the Young Mens Christian Association and the army, that provided educational opportunities for two million men awaiting return to home. Courses ran the gamut from English language and American history for foreign-born troops, to French for English-speakers, to programs at the Sorbonne and medical courses at London's Fellowship of Medicine, a full high school curriculum and training in 14 trades, and correspondence courses and preparatory courses leading to admission to West Point. There was a farm school and an art school. Ten thousand soldier-students attended the AEF's own university at Beaune (France), and there were 1,000 army post schools scattered throughout various AEF locations. Twenty-four halftones illustrate the text. (Chapters contain extensive endnotes.) (CH)

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